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CABLE FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOLLOWS:

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 486

SUBJ: SPECIAL GUEST FOR SEPTEMBER FESTIVITIES

1. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MOHAMMED ALI COME TO PORT MORESBY IN SEPTEMBER AS PRIVATE CITIZEN (NOT OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE) BUT AS GUEST OF LOCAL BOXING ASSOCIATION. COSTS WHILEHERE WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF.

2. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE ASKED IF DEPARTMENT COULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER ALI WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND INTERESTED. PLEASE ADVISE. PRECISE TIME AND DURATION OF VISIT NOT SPECIFIED, BUT MID-SEPTEMBER SEEMS LIKELY. COMMITTEE HOPES HE MIGHT BE WILLING TO DO SOME EXHIBITION BOXING.

3. COMMENT: INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE IS PROBABLY

TRYING TO WORK OUT WHOLE SERIES OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. IN VIEW OF ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION ACCORDED JOE FRAZIER HERE I BELIEVE VISIT BY ALI WOULD
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